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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/54/598 and Corr.1 and 2)*]

54/136. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984, in which it decided to make the United Nations Development Fund for Women a separate and identifiable entity in autonomous association with the United Nations Development Programme, as well as its resolution 52/94 of 12 December 1997,

Recalling also the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,[1] which recognizes the special role of the Fund in the promotion of the empowerment of women,

Noting the importance of the work of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women in policy and programme directions, as stipulated in the annex to resolution 39/125,

Welcoming the contributions the Fund has made in supporting initiatives of Member States, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations to formulate and implement activities that promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, concentrating on three thematic areas: strengthening women's economic capacity, engendering governance and leadership and promoting women's human rights and the elimination of all forms of violence against women,

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;[2]

2. *Emphasizes* the important work that the Fund undertakes within the framework of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women[1] and in supporting the implementation of recommendations related to the empowerment of women and gender mainstreaming from other United Nations world conferences, such as the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, the International Conference on Population and Development, held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, and the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995;

3. *Notes* the progress achieved in the implementation of the Fund's strategy and business plan, 1997–1999, adopted in 1997;

4. *Encourages* the Fund to cooperate with other partners of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations in assessment activities at all levels that will contribute to the five-year review of the Platform for Action, including efforts to improve capacity in the collection and dissemination of sex-disaggregated data and accountability mechanisms at the country level;

5. *Commends* the Fund for its leadership role in convening United Nations inter-agency campaigns to end violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia and the Pacific throughout 1998 and continuing in 1999 and beyond, and the United Nations inter-agency global videoconference entitled "A World Free of Violence against Women", which was held on 8 March 1999;

6. *Recognizes* the progress achieved by the Fund in increasing the size and impact of its Trust Fund in Support of Action to Eliminate Violence against Women and the importance of incorporating a learning component to extract and share good practices in eliminating violence against women, and reiterates the call to Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors to consider contributing or increasing contributions to the Trust Fund;[3]

7. *Encourages* the Fund to continue to assist Governments in implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[4] in order to advance gender equality at all levels, including by reinforcing the cooperation between Governments and civil society, especially women's organizations;

8. *Requests* the Fund, in conjunction with other relevant United Nations agencies, to continue the activities that it is undertaking to raise awareness about and strengthen the capacities of women in situations of armed conflict and to contribute to promoting the integration of a gender perspective into all peace-building activities, including through support to the full and equal participation of women at all levels, in all forums;

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[2] A/54/225.

[3] See Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/12, sect. I.B.

[4] Resolution 34/180, annex.

9. *Also requests* the Fund to continue its efforts to mainstream a gender perspective in United Nations operational activities, in particular through its leadership of the Sub-Group on Gender of the United Nations Development Group and its convening of United Nations inter-agency thematic groups on gender to support the resident coordinator system;

10. *Commends* the Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Volunteers as its collaborating partners for developing innovative mechanisms to expand the gender expertise available to the United Nations resident coordinator system at the country level, and encourages other United Nations organizations to develop similar initiatives that make use of the expertise and experience of the Fund in gender mainstreaming and the empowerment of women;

11. *Recognizes* that the Fund has been able to secure increased contributions for its work, and expresses its appreciation to Member States and private organizations, including the United Nations Foundation, and other foundations, whose increased contributions demonstrate their commitment to the issues on which the Fund is working;

12. *Urges* Member States, non-governmental organizations and members of the private sector that have contributed to the Fund to continue to contribute and to consider increasing their financial contributions, and invites others to consider contributing to the Fund.

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